

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

USS GEORGE WASHINGTON (CVN 73) FPO AE 09550-2873

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Dear Prospective Tiger,

I regret to inform you our 2006 Tiger Cruise has been cancelled. The demands of our schedule and unforeseen issues beyond our control have left us no other choice. As you know, we were excited about the idea of having each of you aboard as our guests and I regret having to pass this news.

Please be assured a complete refund of your registration fee will be forth coming. For those who sent money orders, these will be cashed and a refund will be issued to your sponsor. We have not and will not cash any personal checks. All checks will be returned immediately to your sponsor for forwarding on to you.

The interest and excitement for our Tiger cruise was indeed overwhelming. I would like to thank each of you personally for the enthusiasm and support that you have shown to your family member or friend onboard. We deeply appreciate your interest in our great ship and we thank you for your continued support and encouragement.

I hope the cancellation of this cruise will not dampen your spirit of support for our Sailors and I would like to invite each of you to attend our return to homeport in Norfolk. It will not be the same as the Tiger Cruise, however, it will be an opportunity to visit our great ship and let your proud sponsor share with you a little of the GEORGE WASHINGTON "Spirit." More information about our "homecoming" will soon be available on our (www.gw.ffc.navy.mil) web page.

Sincerely,

GARRY R. WHITE Captain, U.S. Navy